

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 26th, 1890.

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Philadelphia, Penna.

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So far as the balances made by the mint employes are concerned, the claim for royalty is one which should be presented to the courts or to Congress.

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